



Testimony from Susan B. Linker

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**Testimony in SUPPORT HB 6115 - AN ACT CONCERNING DOG RACING**

Dear Honorable Members of the General Law Committee, I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to express my strong support of HB6115.

Greyhound racing is an activity that has long been recognized as a cruel and inhumane practice. Greyhounds are beautiful, gentle animals that are bred and forced to race, enduring horrible cruelties throughout their lifetimes.

These horrific animal welfare practices associated with Greyhound racing have resulted in it being illegal in 42 states, including our neighboring states, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Public awareness of the cruelty of Greyhound racing has resulted in its financial decline in Connecticut, causing its last track to close in 2005.

HB 6115 will close a loophole that exists in which greyhound racing could resume in CT. I respectfully encourage this committee to pass HB 6115 and send a strong message that we do not want greyhound racing to ever be allowed in our state again.